

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NORMAN T. STEWARD,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMON WEALTH, et al.,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION
NO. 13-2552

ORDER

AND NOW, this 8th day of June 2016, upon consideration of the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Doc. No. 1), the Government's Response (Doc. No. 11), the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge David R. Strawbridge (Doc. No. 21), Petitioner's Objections to the Report (Doc. No. 24), and the pertinent state court record, and in accordance with the Opinion issued this day, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (Doc. No. 21) is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.
2. The Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus (Doc. No. 1) is **DENIED**.
3. A Certificate of Appealability **SHALL NOT** issue because, based on the analysis contained in the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, as approved and adopted by this Court, a reasonable jurist could not conclude that the Court is incorrect in denying and dismissing the Habeas Petition. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473 (2000).

4. The Clerk of Court shall close this case for statistical purposes.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Joel H. Slomsky
JOEL H. SLOMSKY, J.